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DEPT PASS STR AND AGRICULTURE ELECTRONICALLY

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E.O. 11652:NA  
TAGS: MTN, JA  
SUBJECT: STR/MTN TEAM MEETINGS IN TOKYO:AGRICULTURE

1. SUMMARY: AT LARGE MEETING AT MAF, U.S. SIDE UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO LIBERALIZATION OF JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL RESTRICTIONS, ARGUED THAT AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS MUST KEEP UP WITH INDUSTRIAL NEGOTIATIONS, AND STRESSED THAT MTN PACKAGE MUST HAVE MAJOR AGRICULTURAL ELEMENT. U.S. PRESSED FOR A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE FOR U.S.-JAPAN AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. SHIMURA REFUSED TO INDICATE ANY SCHEDULE FOR AGRICULTURE, REPLIED BY SAYING AGRICULTURE MUST GO MORE SLOWLY BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. STR/MTN TEAM HEADED BY ASST STR BARREDA MET WITH MAF OFFICIALS FOR TWO HOURS MORNING OF MAY 12. MEETING WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAired BY JUN SHIMURA, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPT. ECON AFFAIRS BUREAU, MAF. MAF SIDE INCLUDED DIVISION DIRECTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR BILATERAL AND MTN RELATIONS FROM INT. AFFAIRS DEPT. AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM AGRIC. PRODUCTION BUREAU, LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY BUREAU, FOOD MARKETING BUREAU, FOOD AGENCY AND FORESTRY AGENCY (FISHERY AGENCY REP WAS SCHEDULED TO COME BUT DID NOT APPEAR).

3. SHIMURA OPENED WITH FAMILIAR RECITATION OF JAPANESE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS IN AGRICULTURAL AREA AND DIFFICULT DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION CREATED BY PRESSURES FOR LIBERALIZATION. MAF IS WORKING TO IMPROVE ITS MTN OFFER BUT IT WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED IN SCOPE AND THE AGRICULTURAL OFFER CANNOT PROCEED AT SAME PACE AS INDUSTRIAL SECTOR OFFER. HE PUT ALL THIS IN CONTEXT OF MEETING OF 1,500 LEADERS OF AGRIC. COOPERATIVES IN BUILDING CLOSE BY, WHO WERE SENDING REPRESENTATIVES THAT SAME AFTERNOON TO SAME ROOM AS OUR MEETING TO MEET WITH MINISTER NAKAGAWA AND SENIOR MAF OFFICIALS TO (1) REQUEST INCREASE IN RICE PRODUCER PRICE AND (2) PRESENT PETITION OPPOSING ANY LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS.

4. BARREDA REFERRED TO DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND PM FUKUDA AND BETWEEN AMB. STRAUSS AND MINISTER USHIBA AND USHIBA'S REQUEST THAT BILATERALS BETWEEN US AND JAPAN BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1. BARREDA SAID BILATERAL PACKAGE WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, LUMBER AND FISHERIES, THAT CURRENT STATE OF JAPANESE OFFER ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY, AND WE CANNOT MEET USHIBA DEADLINE WITHOUT MUCH INTENSIVE WORK IN NEXT THREE WEEKS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO CARRY BACK TO WASHINGTON AGREEMENT ON A PLAN OF WORK TO MEET THE DEADLINE. HE SUGGESTED THAT FIRST STEP WOULD BE FOR GOJ TO IMPROVE ITS OFFER.

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5. SHIMURA RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT MAF IS IN MIDST OF WORK ON IMPROVING OFFER AND NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY HOW FAR THEY HAVE GOTTEN. HE SUGGESTED US SIDE INDICATE ITS SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONCERN. BARREDA REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO SPECIFICS UNTIL WE HAD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON TIMING AND AGREEMENT THAT TWO SIDES SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT COMPLETE BILATERAL WORK BY JUNE 1.

6. MCNAMARA REVIEWED NEGOTIATIONS AND COMMITMENTS FROM INCEPTION OF TOKYO ROUND UNTIL NOW AND SAID THAT IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO NEGOTIATE ON A BASIS WHERE WE CONSIDERED ONLY PRODUCTS IN WHICH JAPAN IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE WHILE IGNORING PRODUCTS IN WHICH US WAS HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND JAPAN WAS INEFFICIENT.

7. SHIMURA SAID IT WAS NOT JAPANESE INTENT TO REFUSE NEGOTIATIONS IN AGRICULTURE. CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE THAT PACE BE SLOWER THAN IN INDUSTRY. HE SAID MAF IS WORKING WITH USIBA AND WILL TAKE GUIDANCE FROM HIM. HE THEN SHIFTED GEARS AND SAID JAPAN WAS "SHOCKED" TO RECEIVE LIST REQUESTING IMPROVEMENT IN CITRUS OFFER. HE SAID

CITRUS WAS NOT INCLUDED IN JAPANESE OFFER BUT THAT THEY  
THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET CREDIT IN THE MTN FOR THE CITRUS  
OFFERS UNDER THE STRAUSS/USHIBA COMMUNIQUE AND THAT THAT  
WAS THE MAXIMUM THEY COULD DO ON CITRUS. BARREDA RESPONDED  
THAT THERE COULD BE NO EXCUSE FOR JAPAN BEING SHOCKED BY  
CITRUS REQUEST. HE REMINDED SHIMURA THAT AMB. WOLFF HAD  
ADVISED MAF SENIOR COUNSELOR YOSHIOKA THAT U.S. HAD ALWAYS

MADE CLEAR THAT JANUARY BEEF AND CITRUS QUOTA INCREASES  
DID NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF MTN LIBERALIZATION. AMB. STRAUSS  
HAD MADE CLEAR TO MIN. USHIBA IN APRIL THAT U.S. WOULD  
SEEK IN THE MTN ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO JAPAN'S MARKETS FOR

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BEEF AND CITRUS.

8. BARREDA ASKED MAF OFFICIALS TO THINK OVER THE REQUEST  
TO DEVELOP A WORK PLAN AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE  
THROUGH MONDAY TO MEET WITH THEM. DISCUSSION ON FOREST  
PRODUCTS AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING REPORTED  
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